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Classified by Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba, reasons 1.5 (b)
and (d)

1. (U) The UAE warmly welcomed the announcement of the Interim Iraqi Government and sent congratulatory cables to Iraq's new president Shaykh Ghazi Al-Yawar and to UN Representative to Iraq Lakhdar Brahimi on June 1. According to the UAE's official press agency, President Shaykh Zayed's wished Al-Yawar success in meeting the Iraqi people's security needs and he called for stronger bilateral ties. Zayed also urged Iraq to resume its role among Arab states "to serve the cause of Arab and Islamic nations and to boost the ties with friendly countries." Shaykh Maktoum bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai sent a cable

to Al-Yawar, and Shaykh Khalifa, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince, sent cables to Al-Yawar and Brahimi. The messages to Brahimi thanked him for his efforts in forming the Iraqi Interim Government.

¶2. (C) Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Shaykh Hamdan bin Zayed told the Ambassador that the UAE was the first Arab country to express warm public support for the Interim Iraqi Government. He told her that, two days ago, Adnan Pachachi had informed the UAE mission in Baghdad that he would be returning to his home in Abu Dhabi to resume his normal life and get some well-earned rest. Pachachi said that Shaykh Al-Yawar, and not he, would be elected president of Iraq. The Emiratis were puzzled by the controversy that surrounded the selection process, including reports that Pachachi had been offered the presidency only to refuse it.

¶3. (C) Polchief shared reftel points on June 2 with Shaykh Hamdan's office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Office of the Under Secretary, and the Department of European, American, and Oceanic Affairs, underscoring the point that Iraqis and the international community will hope for the vocal support of Arab/Islamic countries like the UAE and international organizations for the return of sovereignty to Iraq.

¶4. (U) Baghdad minimize considered.
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